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SUBJECT:VISIT TO HUNGARY

1. DR. GEORGE BIRO, NUCLEAR CONSULTING ENGINEER EMPLOYED BY GIBBS & HILL, INC., NEW YORK CITY, PHONED DEPT. TO REPORT HE WOULD MAKE THREE-WEEK VISIT TO HUNGARY BEGINNING ON OR ABOUT MARCH 6 AND SOUGHT DEPT.'S GUIDANCE. HE STATES THAT HIS PURPOSE IS TO EXPLORE POTENTIAL CONTACTS BETWEEN THE AMERICAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY (ANS) AND HUNGARIAN COUNTER-PARTS. HE IS ASSUMING THIS TASK AT THE REQUEST OF THE PRESIDENT OF ANS. BIRO CLAIMS THAT HE HAS DISCUSSED THIS TRIP WITH THE HUNGARIAN CONGEN IN NEW YORK CITY. REPORT-EDLY, THE CONGEN HAS VOLUNTERRED TO CABLE BUDAPEST TO OBTAIN NAMES OF CONTACTS AT APPROPRIATE HUNGARIAN PRO-FESSIONAL SOCIETIES AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, BEFORE BIRO'S DEPARTURE.

2. DURING VISIT BIRO INTENDS TO MAKE, ON BEHALF OF ANS, A MOST INTERESTING GIFT TO HIS HOSTS -- A CHIP OF GRAPHITE TAKEN FROM THE FIRST NUCLEAR REACTOR CONSTRUCTED BY
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ENRICO FERMI AND ASSOCIATES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

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MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS AGO. THE CHIP IS MOUNTED IN PLASTIC AND HAS A PLATE FOR INSCRIBING NAME OF RECIPIENT.

3. WE TOLD DR. BIRO THAT WE COULD PERCEIVE NO OBJECTIONS TO HIS VISIT. WE AGREED WITH HIS OWN ASSESSMENT, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD NOT BE ADVISABLE FOR HIM TO GIVE ANY SCIENTIFIC LECTURES, WHICH THE PRESIDENT OF ANS HAS ENCOURAGED HIM TO DO, SINCE THESE ARE ALWAYS ARRANGED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF OFFICIALLY ENDORSED PROGRAMS, SUCH AS THOSE OF NSF AND NAS. DR. BIRO INTENDS TO VISIT MR. WILLIAM DAMERON AT THE EMBASSY BEFORE CALLING ON PERSONS IDENTIFIED THROUGH HUNGARIAN CONGEN CHANNELS.

4. ANY EMBASSY COMMENTS THAT WE COULD CONVEY TO DR. BIRO WOULD BE WELCOMED. INGERSOLL

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